

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to express their sincere condolences to
4 the family and friends of Caroline "Ma Jake" Jacobs, who
5 passed away on March 24, 2002; and

6 WHEREAS, Caroline Jacobs was born on September 14, 1911,
7 in Aledo, the daughter of Joseph and Cora Edna Keck Harroun;
8 she married the late Oral G. "Jake" Jacobs on June 1, 1929,
9 who served 10 years as a state representative before his
10 death in 1995; Mrs. Jacobs was the mother of State Senator
11 "Denny" Jacobs and County Board member Donald Jacobs; her
12 family has often been called Rock Island County's version of
13 the Kennedys, with Mrs. Jacobs being compared to Rose
14 Kennedy; and

15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jacobs worked tirelessly for her husband
16 during his political career, and equally hard for her sons
17 and the rest of the family; and

18 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jacobs owned and operated Jake's Lunch in
19 East Moline for 31 years; it was the first restaurant in East
20 Moline to serve African American customers, and was a
21 favorite of union workers; during times of economic stress,
22 the generous Mrs. Jacobs would feed those who had lost their
23 jobs; and

24 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jacobs dearly enjoyed spending time with
25 her family, who include her children, Gloria and Robert
26 Goebel, Donald and Wanda Jacobs, and State Senator Dennis
27 "Denny" and Mary Ellen Jacobs; her 16 grandchildren; her 44
28 great-grandchildren; and her 6 great-great-grandchildren;
29 therefore, be it

30 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
31 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we mourn, along with all who knew her, the death of Caroline
2 Jacobs of East Moline; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of Caroline Jacobs with our sincere
5 condolences.